

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DE-  
PARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939, IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$1,395,043

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, January 4, 1939.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress supplemental estimates of appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year 1939, in the amount of \$1,395,043.

The details of these estimates, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for their transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, which is transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

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BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
*Washington, January 4, 1939.*

THE PRESIDENT,  
*The White House.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration supplemental estimates of appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year 1939, amounting to \$1,395,043. These esti-

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mates of appropriations, with comments upon the necessity therefor, are as follows:

### BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Maintenance, San Carlos irrigation project, Gila River Reservation, Ariz. (reimbursable)-----	\$75, 000
Maintenance, San Carlos irrigation project, Gila River Reservation, Ariz. (receipt limitation)-----	67, 975
Total-----	142, 975

This estimate is to provide for the maintenance of the San Carlos project until the end of the present fiscal year. Severe drought conditions in the Gila River watershed during recent years have reduced the volume of stored water in the Coolidge Dam to such an extent that it has been necessary to resort to pumping from the 80 wells located on this project. The run-off for the calendar year 1938 was only 120,000 acre-feet, as compared with an average annual run-off of 209,900 acre-feet during the period from 1924 through 1937. It was necessary, in order to save the crops on this project, to pump 105,000 acre-feet. Normally only 60,000 acre-feet of water are required to supplement the gravity flow. Failure of the water supply in Coolidge Dam made it necessary to purchase power for the project and especially for the operation of the pumps at the wells. To provide for the Indian share of the deficit on account of operation and maintenance of the pumps and wells during the calendar year 1937, including the purchase of power, \$38,935 is required, and \$104,040 additional is needed to meet the estimated operation and maintenance deficit for the current year.

Construction, etc., Irrigation Systems, Indian Reservations (reimbursable)-----	\$1, 000, 000
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This estimate is to provide funds to meet the contractual authority of \$800,000 contained in the Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1939, for the Colorado River project in Arizona, and to provide additional money to meet payments to the contractor, who is proceeding at a more rapid pace than originally contemplated. Under a proposed modification of the contract the spillway capacity of the Headgate Rock dam will be doubled, thereby increasing the cost of the project. Final approval of the modification of the contract is being withheld pending the assurance of funds to meet actual requirements. At the present rate of construction, however, available funds will be exhausted during January 1939. Approximately \$190,000 will be required for contract payments in January, \$360,000 for February, \$275,000 for March, and \$175,000 for April. It is anticipated that the requirements for subsequent months will be met through the appropriation contained in the Interior Department Appropriation Act for 1940.

### OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Cooperative vocational education in agriculture, Office of Education....	\$52, 068
Cooperative vocational education in trades and industries, Office of Education-----	
Cooperative vocational education in home economics, Office of Education-----	
Cooperative vocational education in distributive education, Office of Education-----	
Cooperative vocational education, teachers, etc., Office of Education----	

This estimate will provide an amount sufficient to permit the Office of Education to make allotments to States under the George-Deen Act of June 8, 1936, authorizing appropriations for the further development of vocational education. The appropriation for 1939 was \$12,500,000; there was an unexpended balance of \$1,930,932 of the 1938 appropriation in the hands of the several States on June 30, 1938. Apportionments to the States for 1939 were authorized to be computed on the basis of the full amount specified in the basic legislation—\$14,483,000. Before making the January 1939 allotments the Office of Education will need an additional appropriation of \$52,068.

Alaska Railroad appropriated fund----- \$200,000

This estimate is to provide \$45,000 for a warehouse, and \$140,000 for the purchase of supplies and materials destroyed by fire on October 23, 1938. The remaining \$15,000 is to make urgent repairs to the hull and install a new boiler in one of the ships owned and operated by the Alaska Railroad. Operating revenues are insufficient to meet the unexpected costs on account of the fire, and the repairs to the ship.

The foregoing estimates of appropriations are required to meet contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1939, and their approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

D. W. BELL,  
*Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget.*

*Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, by the Department of the Interior*

Detailed objects of expenditure	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year for which the appropriation is requested
<b>BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS</b>		
Maintenance, San Carlos irrigation project, Gila River Reservation, Ariz. (reimbursable)—Maintenance, San Carlos irrigation project, Gila River Reservation, Ariz. (receipt limitation): For an additional amount for the operation and maintenance (including excess water charges for the calendar year 1937) of the San Carlos project for the irrigation of lands in the Gila River Indian Reservation, Ariz., \$75,000, reimbursable, together with \$97,975 (power revenues), from which latter amount expenditures shall not exceed the aggregate receipts covered into the Treasury in accordance with sec. 4 of the Permanent Appropriation Repeal Act, 1934; in all \$142,975 (39 Stat. 130, sec. 2; 43 Stat. 475-476; 52 Stat. 304-305)-----	\$142,975	\$345,000
Construction, etc., irrigation systems, Indian reservations (reimbursable): Irrigation systems on Indian reservations: For an additional amount for the construction, repair, and rehabilitation of irrigation systems on Indian reservations, including the same objects and limitations specified under this head in the Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1939, to remain available until June 30, 1940, as follows: Arizona: Colorado River, \$1,000,000, reimbursable (52 Stat. 1131)-----	1,000,000	2,636,000
<b>OFFICE OF EDUCATION</b>		
Cooperative vocational education in agriculture, Office of Education—Cooperative vocational education in trades and industries, Office of Education—Cooperative vocational education in home economics, Office of Education—Cooperative vocational education in distributive education, Office of Education—Cooperative vocational education, teachers, etc., Office of Education: Further development of vocational education: For an additional amount for carrying out the provisions of secs. 1, 2, and 3 of the act entitled "An act to provide for the further development of vocational education in the several States and Territories," approved June 8, 1936 (49 Stat., 1488-1490, fiscal year 1939 (20 U. S. C. 15d-15p; 52 Stat. 337))-----	52,068	12,500,000

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*Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, by the Department of the Interior—Continued*

Detailed objects of expenditure	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year for which the appropriation is requested
GOVERNMENT IN THE TERRITORIES		
Territory of Alaska		
Alaska Railroad appropriated fund: The Alaska Railroad: For an additional amount to be available from the general fund of the Treasury for every expenditure requisite for and incident to the authorized work of the Alaska Railroad, including the same purposes and the same objects specified under this head in the Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1939, and including \$45,000 for replacement of a warehouse destroyed by fire, \$200,000, to continue available until expended (5 U. S. C. 793; 48 U. S. C. 301-308; 52 Stat. 339)-----	\$200,000	\$160,000